

OUR HERITAGE

ANCIENT DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

The Ancient Documents Committee assisted Ralph Fuller, new president of the Stow Historical Society, in assembling a Stow Time Capsule to mark the 50th anniversary of the Society. The stainless steel box, to be opened on the Society's 100th anniversary in 2061, contains books, newspapers, maps, children's essays and other artifacts of Stow history. It is now housed in the Randall Library Museum,

Replicas of Colonial flags, donated several years ago by Bobbie Hill, have been placed in the Whitney Room in the Town Building. Sixteen flags tracing the history of the country are on display and are available on loan to school and scout groups. The flags were sewn by Girl Scout Cadette Troop 864 for the 1976 celebration of the America's 200th birthday and have been used for other town celebrations. Mrs. Hill was the troop leader.

For the third year, third graders from Pompositticut School met in June at Town Hall for a live lesson on Stow history sponsored jointly by Ancient Documents and the Stow Historical Society. A visual presentation by Ralph Fuller and demonstrations of artifacts from the Town Vault were featured.

Committee members continued work on photographs, maps, and special collections. Liz Moseley continued work on the organization of the Randall Library Museum, and Dorothy Spaulding continued to computerize cemetery records. Dorothy MacDonald, genealogist, received requests for information on Noah Gates and Mary Conant, Sarah Holman and Samuel Conant, John and Thomas Law, Miles Beaumont family, M.P. Lewis Store and Philip Norman Glazier, Stow historian.

Thanks go to Bob McDonald who computerized a list of 141 deeds in the town collection and identified Indian artifacts. The committee meets the first and third Fridays, October to June, at the Town Building. New members are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stow's Historical Commission is dedicated to the preservation and protection of Stow's historical and archaeological resources. This year we have been discussing ways and means of increasing the Town's knowledge and awareness of the importance of preserving the wonderful